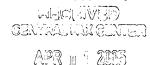




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This paper is submitted as an inquiry as to the status of the application identified above.

More than one year has passed since the filing of this application on March 30, 2004 accompanied by a return post-card. A Filing Receipt was received June 24, 2004. A Notice of Missing Parts was received on June 21, 2004, and a Response was filed on June 25, 2005. An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on November 22, 2004. No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

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